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scheduled for the House floor

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## SUSPENSION CALENDAR

- 1) ***Our American Flag Printing Authorization*** (H.Con.Res. 244).   
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 2) ***Hispanic Americans in Congress Printing Authorization***. (H.Con.Res. 90).   
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 3) ***Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Congress Printing Authorization***.   
(H.Con.Res. 130).  
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 4) ***A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution***. (S.J.Res. 20).   
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 5) ***A joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Anne d'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution***. (S.J.Res. 19).   
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 6) ***A concurrent resolution permitting the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to designate another member of the Committee to serve on the Joint Committee on Printing in place of the Chairman***. (S.Con.Res. 67).   
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 7) ***Supporting the goals of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day***. (H.Res. 254).   
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 8) ***Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building Designation Act***. (H.R. 1749).   
This bill has no budget implications.
- 9) ***Urging the Secretary of Energy to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve***. (H.Res. 250).   
This resolution has no budget implications.
- 10) ***Supporting the goals of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day***. (H.Res. 254).   
This resolution has no budget implications.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** This document addresses budgetary issues only. It should not be taken to express support or opposition on any other grounds. A green flag indicates no serious budgetary or budget compliance concerns. A yellow flag indicates moderate or potential problems. A red flag indicates serious problems.

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## LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

- Bill:** *Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act.* 🚩
- Committee:** Appropriations
- Summary:** The Appropriations Committee had not released the Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimate of this bill as of the preparation of this Budget Week summary.
- Budget Act:** Because the CBO estimate is not available, it has not been determined whether this appropriations bill is within its 302(b) allocation.
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- Bill:** *Internet Equity and Education Act of 2001* (H.R. 1992). 🚩
- Committee:** Education and the Workforce
- Summary:** H.R. 1992 amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand access to higher education for all Americans through distance education and programs offered on a nontraditional basis, while maintaining the integrity of Federal financial aid programs. The bill would make various changes to the Higher Education Act of 1965 that could affect the eligibility of institutions and academic programs that participate in Federal financial aid programs. It also would modify the current-law prohibition on incentive payments from institutions of higher learning to private entities engaged in student recruitment activities.
- Budget Act:** CBO estimates that this bill would increase direct spending by less than \$500,000 a year. The Budget Committee Chairman believes this increase is within the allocation provided to the Committee on Education and the Workforce by the conference report on the budget resolution and does not violate any points of order under the Congressional Budget Act.
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- Bill:** *PATRIOT Act of 2001* (H.R. 2975).
- Committee:** Judiciary
- Summary:** This bill provides law enforcement agencies additional wiretap authority to contend with modern communication forms such as the Internet and cell phones. Federal authorities would be allowed to obtain from a single judge the authority to electronically monitor suspects anywhere in the country instead of having to obtain permission from various jurisdictions. This legislation also allows the U.S. Government to detain, for up to 7 days, non-Americans suspected of being security threats, extending the current 2-day limit.
- Budget Act:** Though a final CBO estimate was not available at the time of preparation of this Budget Week, preliminary estimates indicate the bill will result in an increase in direct spending. The legislation amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 by increasing benefits to public safety officers from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per officer and providing that the benefit increases will apply to any death or disability occurring on or after 1 January 2001. These provisions may increase direct spending by \$74 million fiscal year 2002 and by \$154 million in 2002-2006.
- It is expected the legislation will contain a number of violations of the Budget Act, including a violation of Section 302(f), which bars a committee from increasing direct spending above the allocations provided to it in the most recently agreed to budget resolution. The bill may provide new entitlement authority in the current fiscal year, a violation of Section 401 of the Budget Act. The Budget Committee Chairman will not oppose necessary waivers of the Budget Act.

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